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## SOUTH CAROLINA EGG PRODUCTION DOWN

SOUTH CAROLINA'S laying flocks produced 96 million eggs during March down 7 percent from last year, according to the USDA-NASS, South Carolina Field Office. Production totaled 74 million table eggs and 22 million hatching eggs. The number of layers averaged 4,598,000 birds, down 7 percent from 4,920,000 a year ago. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,088 eggs, compared with 2,093 in 2007.

UNITED STATES egg production totaled 7.68 billion during March 2008, down 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.53 billion table eggs, and 1.15 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.08 billion were broiler-type and 67 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2008 averaged 342 million, down 2 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,244 eggs, up slightly from March 2008.

## SOUTH CAROLINA BROILER HATCHERY PRODUCTION INCREASES

During the month of March, SOUTH CAROLINA'S broiler hatcheries produced 20.3 million chicks, up 3 percent from the 19.7 million hatched in March 2007.

The UNITED STATES broiler-type chicks hatched during March 2008 totaled 833 million, up 3 percent from March 2007. Eggs in incubators totaled 674 million on April 1, 2008, up 1 percent from a year earlier.